BookletChart

Houston Ship Channel Atkinson Island

(NOAA Chart 11328)



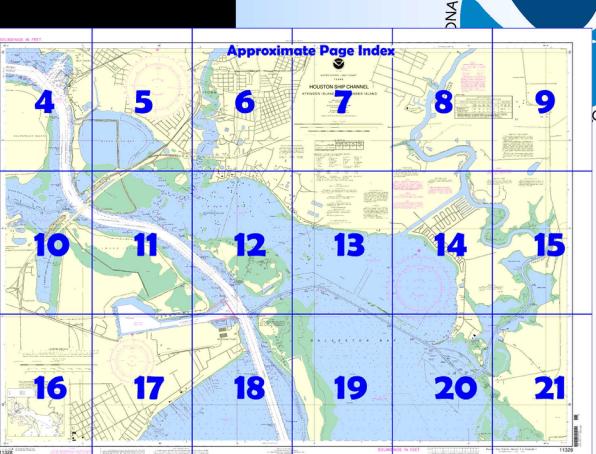
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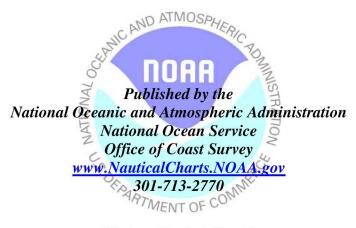
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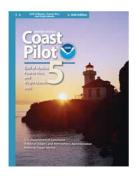
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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[Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 10 excerpts]

(175) **Galveston Bay** is a large irregularly shaped shallow body of water on the coast of Texas, about 285 miles W from Southwest Pass and 690 miles NW from Dry Tortugas. The bay is about 30 miles long in a general NNE and SSW direction, about 17 miles wide at its widest part, and has general depths of 7 to 9 feet.

(288) **Cedar Bayou** is a crooked stream flowing in a S direction into the NW corner of Galveston Bay, 2.5 miles E of Morgans Point

and 25 miles N of Galveston.

(292) A highway bridge 9.7 miles above the entrance and a railroad bridge 13.4 miles above the entrance have fixed spans with a minimum clearance of 18 feet. In October 1982, the highway bridge was being modified to provide a clearance of 18 feet. A highway bridge crossing a

cutoff between **Boaz Island** and the mainland has a 13-foot fixed span with a clearance of 6 feet. Only very small craft use the cutoff. (293) Shallow **Tabbs Bay** is at the NW end of Galveston Bay, and contains numerous oil well structures and overhead power cables. There are no defined channels; the average depth is reported to be less than 3 feet.

(294) A channel from Houston Ship Channel follows the W end of **Hog Island** and Tabbs Bay to **Baytown** on the N shore. **Goose Creek** is navigable for craft drawing up to 5 feet to a highway bridge 2.8 miles above the entrance. The channel, unmarked and ill-defined, runs close aboard the N shore of the island N of the W end of Hog Island and leads to Goose Creek. Private poles and markers may at times mark the preferred route. Goose Creek contains numerous oil wells, pipelines, pilings, and other hazards; local knowledge is advised. The creek is used by oil well supply and commercial fishing vessels.

(295) The highway bridge 2.8 miles above the entrance has a 48-foot fixed span with a clearance of 9 feet. Two highway and two railroad bridges between the entrance and this bridge have fixed spans with a minimum width of 32 feet and minimum clearance of 14 feet. Overhead power cables crossing the creek between the mouth and the highway bridge 2.8 miles above the entrance have a least clearance of 36 feet. (296) **Barbours Cut,** opposite Hog Island, extends about 1.2 miles W from Houston Ship Channel. A privately dredged area extends W about 0.6 mile into the cut from Houston Ship Channel. A turning basin, at the head of the cut and W of the dredged area, provides excellent shelter in depths of 20 to 26 feet for vessels up to 150 feet long.

(304) Morgans Point is on the NW end of Galveston Bay on the W side of Houston Ship Channel. **La Porte**, a town 2 miles SW of Morgans Point, has rail and highway connections with other parts of the State. (321) **Houston Ship Channel** extends from Galveston Harbor across Galveston Bay and through parts of San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou to the city of Houston, a distance of 44 miles.

(324) N of Bolivar Peninsula, spoil banks on both sides of the channel extend N to **Red Fish Bar**. About 1.5 miles below Red Fish Bar, a narrow channel marked at the entrance by Daybeacon 1, exits Houston Ship Channel to the W, leading to Dickinson Bayou. In March 1985, the controlling depth through the spoil bank was 6 feet. Along the NE side of Houston Ship Channel N of Red Fish Bar, several openings through the spoil bank permit passage into the NE portions of Galveston Bay. One of these, **Fivemile Cut**, about 8 miles above Red Fish Bar and E of Red Bluff is dredged. In January 2002, the controlling depth was 4.2 feet (4.6 feet at midchannel). The channel is marked by buoys.

(325) Part of the spoil material from the dredging of Houston Ship Channel shows above water and forms a dike protection for the channel; for several miles S of Morgans Point this dike is relatively high and is known as **Atkinson Island.**

(329) **Morgans Point**, 23 miles NW of Bolivar Roads, marks the beginning of an extensive industrial area of oil refineries, cotton compresses, and other industrial plants lining the ship channel to Houston.

(330) A fixed highway bridge in the vicinity of Baytown Tunnel, about 2.5 miles above Morgans Point, has a clearance of 175 feet. (331) **Baytown**, 4 miles above Morgans Point on the NE side of the channel, is the site of the Exxon Company, U.S.A., refining facilities. (336) About 1.5 miles above the Baytown facilities, a privately maintained channel leads in a SW direction from the main ship channel along the NW end of **Alexander Island** to the piers of a powerplant at the head of the basin. In August 1982, the reported controlling depth in the channel was 11 feet.

\ CAUTION Within Tabbs Bay and Goose Creek there are numerous overhead power

Corrected through NM Jul. 05/08 Corrected through LNM Jun. 24/08

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas

submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub-marine cables are required to be buried, and marine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, draggling, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or militathed house.

unlighted buoys.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

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The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1997 must be corrected an average of, 822* northward and .740* westward 150 processible bits of hort. to agree with this chart.

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.
Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

POLLUTION REPORTS

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The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

CAUTION
Survey platforms, signs, pipes, piles, and
stakes, some submerged, may exist along the
maintained channels. Piles and platforms are not
charted where they interfere with a light symbol.

BADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Uncharted submarine pipelines and cables may exist in the vicinity of oil well structures, and between such structures and the shoreline. Mariners should use caution when anchoring.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The National Ocean Service acknowledges the exceptional cooperation received from members of the Galveston Bay Power Squadron, District 21, United States Power Squadrons, in continually providing essential information for revising this chart.

Gas and Oil Well Structures
Uncharted platforms, gas and oil well structures, pipes, piles and stakes can exist within the limits of this chart.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

CEDAR BAYOU

The controlling depth was 3 ft for a mid-width of 50 ft from the junction with the Houston Ship Channel to a point approx. 29°41'54"N, A4°54'54"N, W

162.40 MHz

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed The NOAA weather Hadio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Galveston, TX KHB-40 KGG-68 Houston, TX

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

PLANE COORDINATE GRID

(based on NAD 1927) The Texas State Grid, south central zone, is indicated on this chart at 4, 000 foot intervals

The last three digits are omitted.

Mercator Projection Scale: 1:10.000 at Lat 29° 43'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges

NOTE A

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Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S.
Coast Pilot 5. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the
regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander,
8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA, or at the Office
of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Galveston, TX
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the Houston and Galveston waterways. Vessel operating procedures and designated radiotelephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual.

HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

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Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in urknown locations.
Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, such, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered or moved.

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot.</u>

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Coast Guard.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

CAUTION

This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LIMM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at

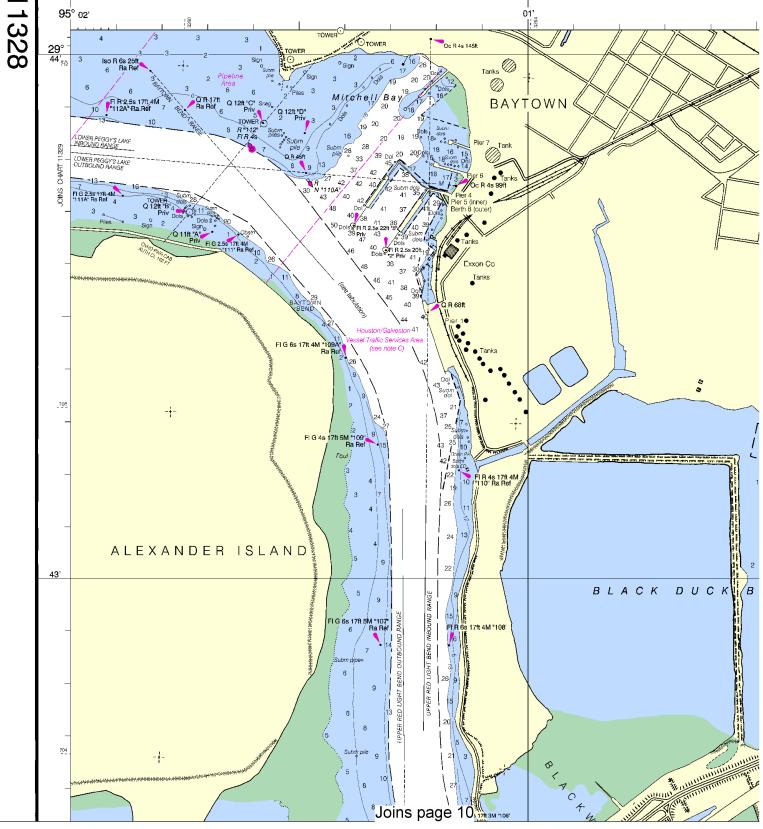
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BBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated): ABBREVIATIONS AERO aeronautical G green Mo morse code R TR radio tower Al alternating IQ interrupted quick Rot rotating s seconds SEC sector St M statute miles OBSC obscured B black Iso isophase LT HO lighthouse M nautical mile m minutes Oc occulting
Or orange
Q quick
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Ra Ref radar reflector Bn beacon C can DIA diaphone MICRO TR microwave tower Mkr marker R Bn radiobeacon ttom characteristics: Blds boulders Co coral bk broken Cy clay G gravel Grs grass S sand scellaneous AUTH authorized Obstn obstruction PD position doubtful Subm submerged ED existence doubtful PA position approximate Rep reported
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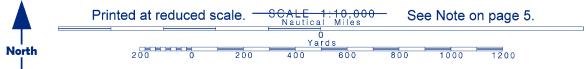
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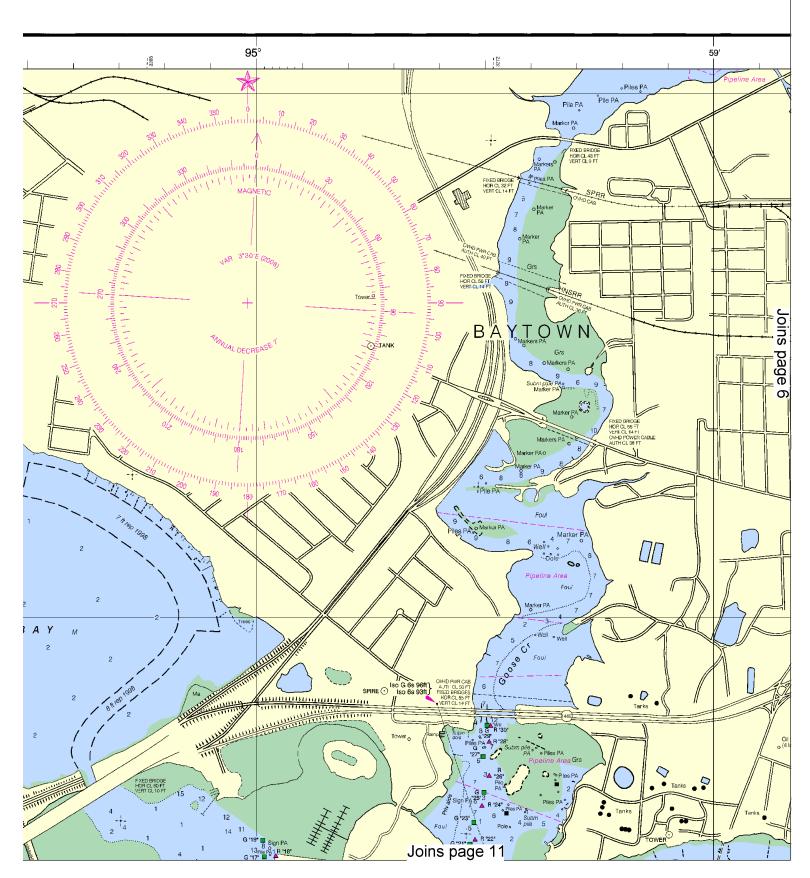
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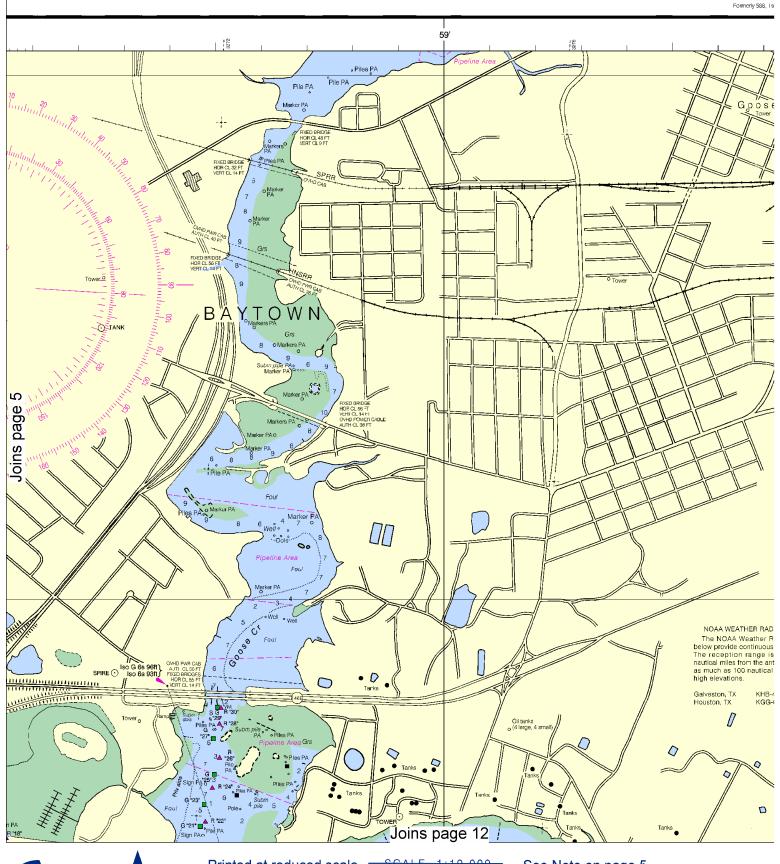




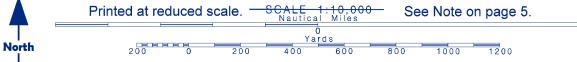


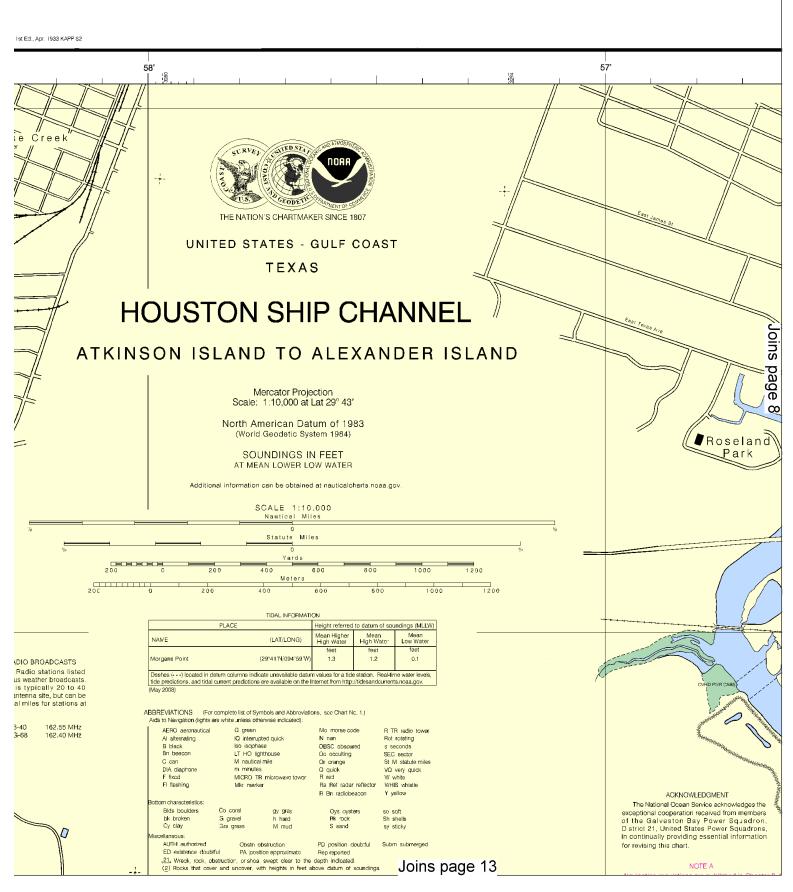


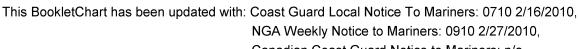
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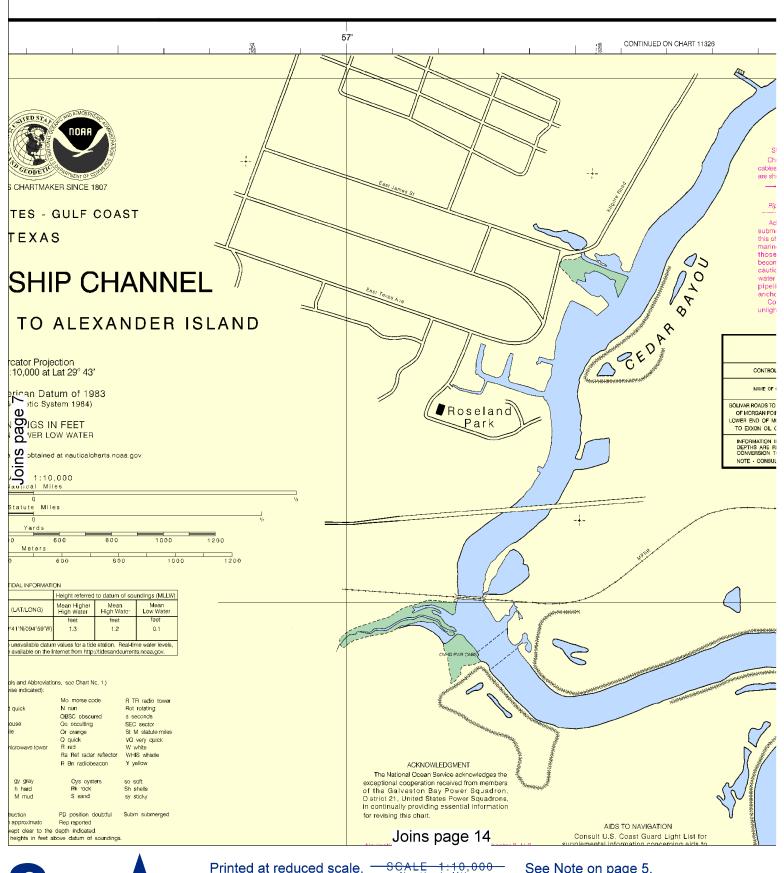




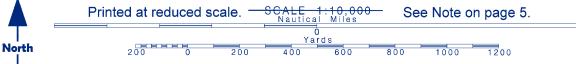


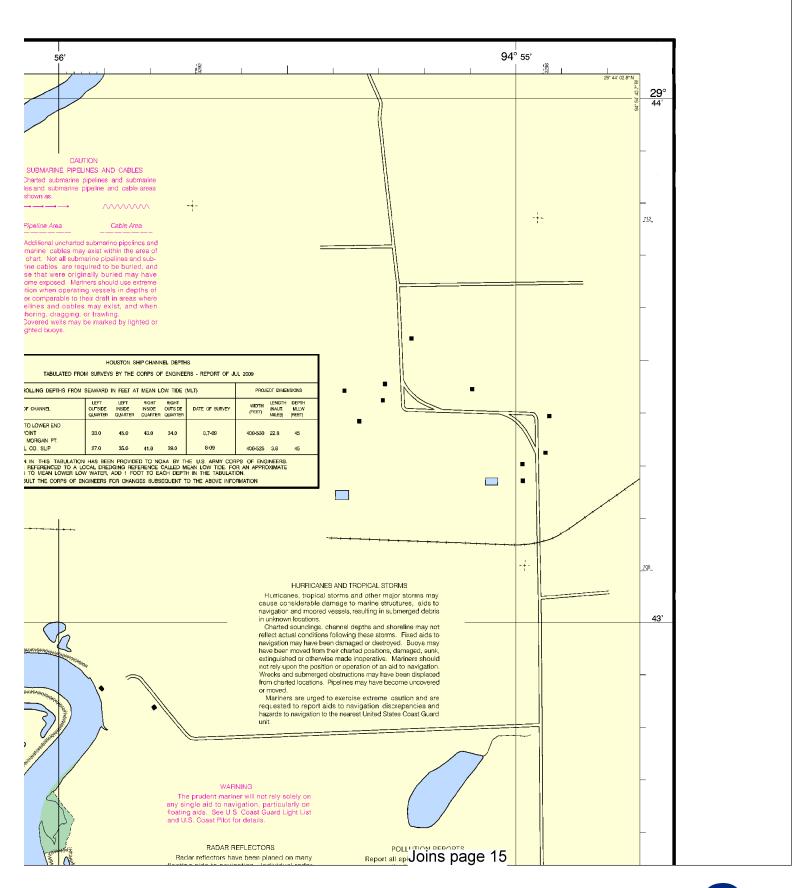
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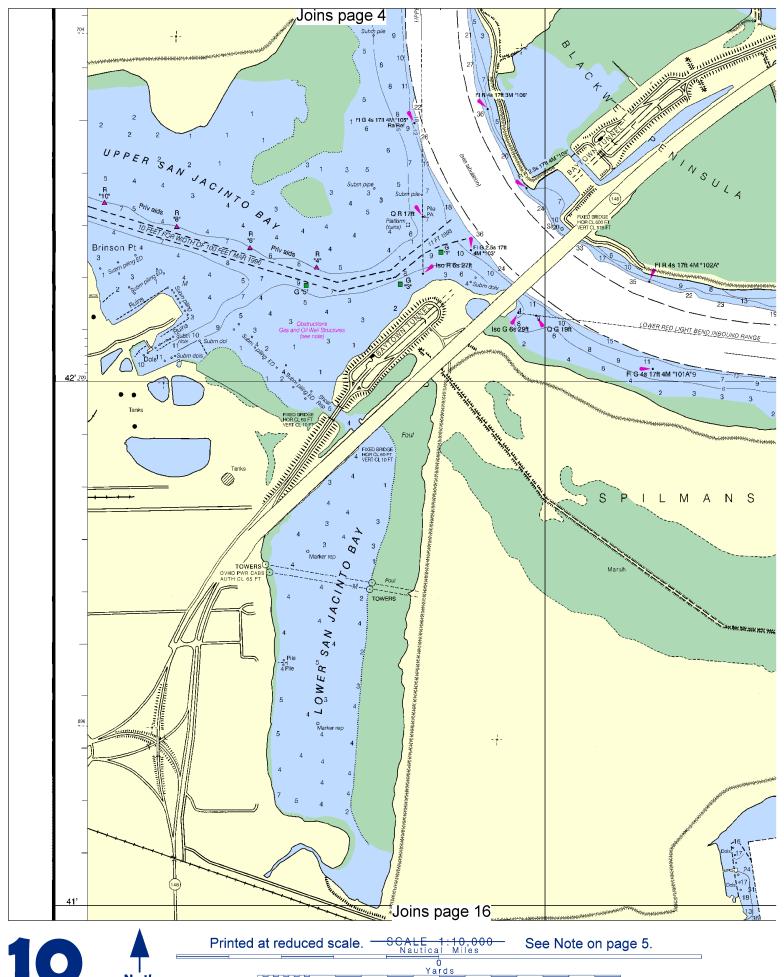


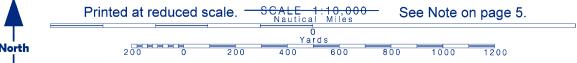


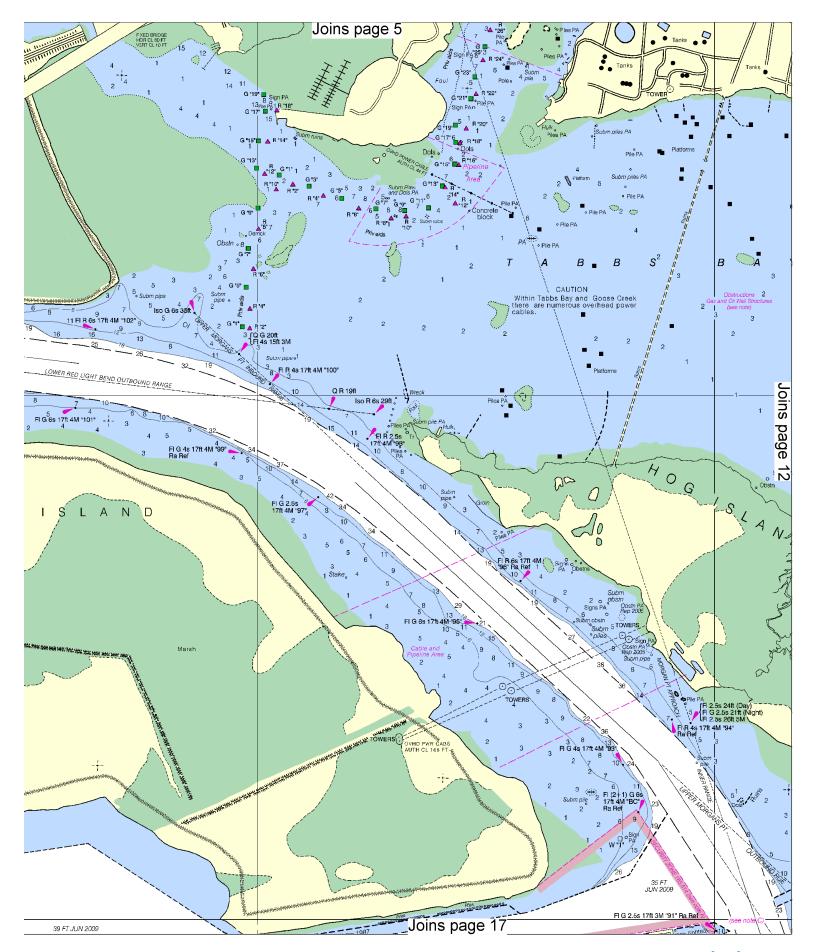


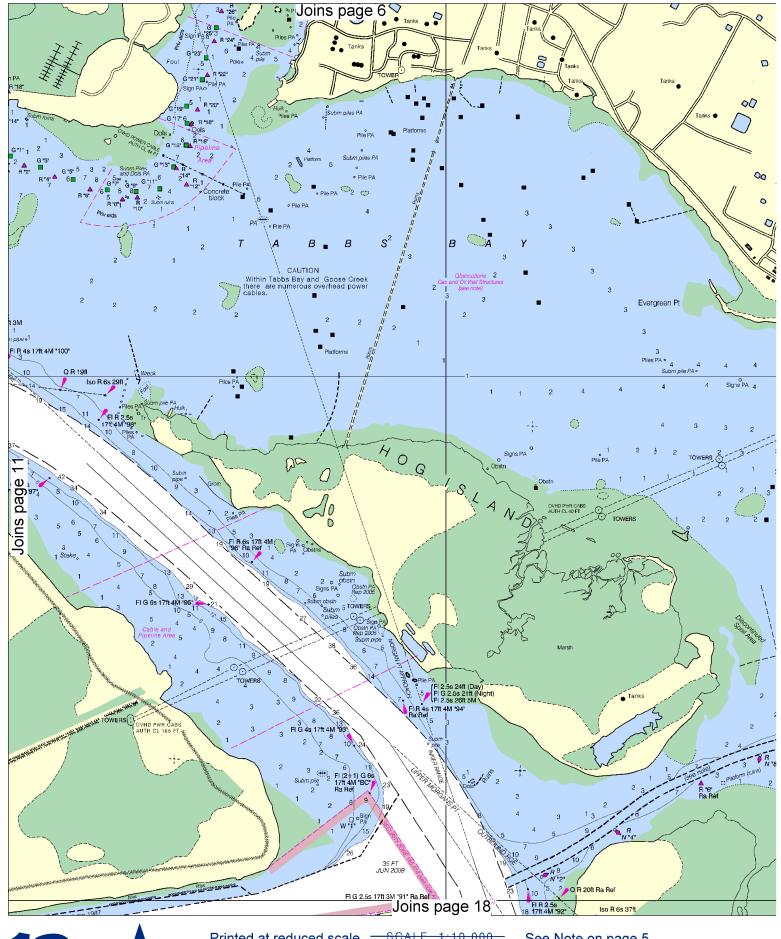




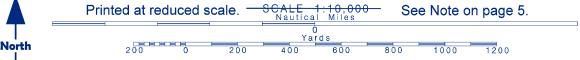


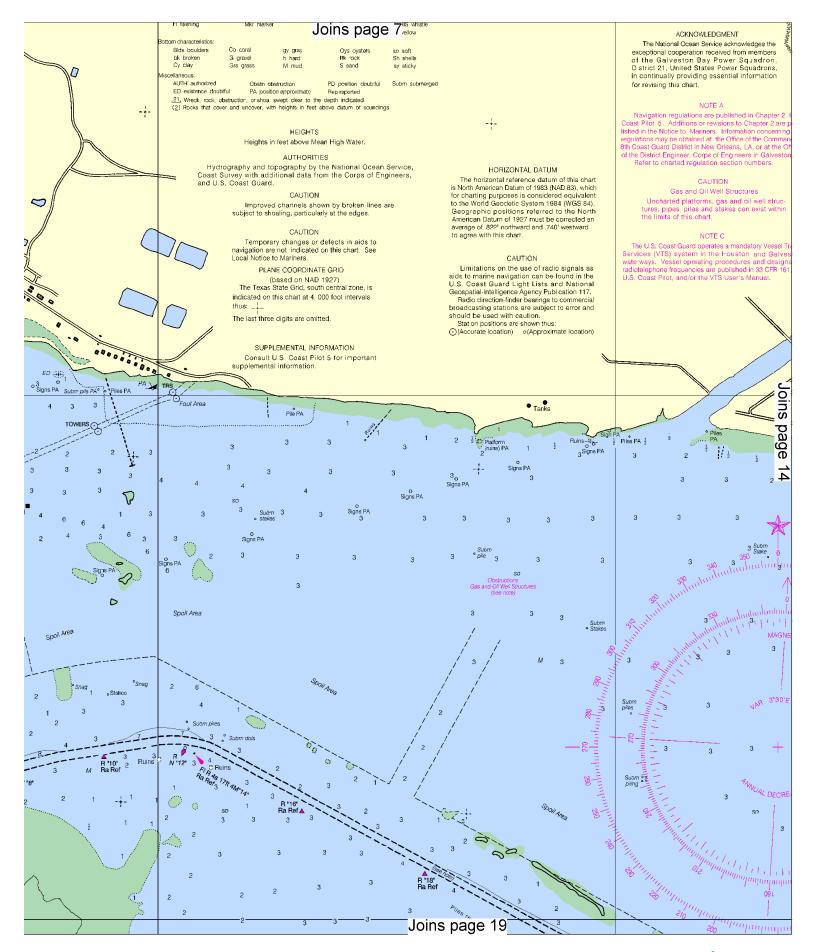


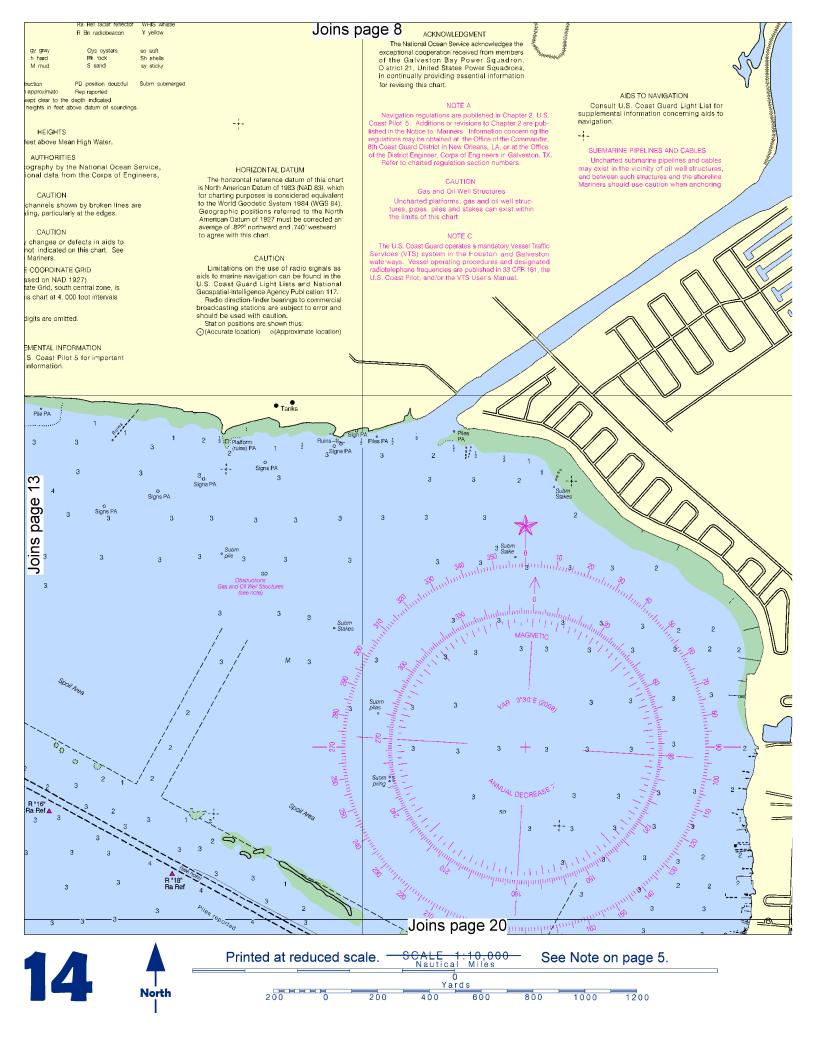


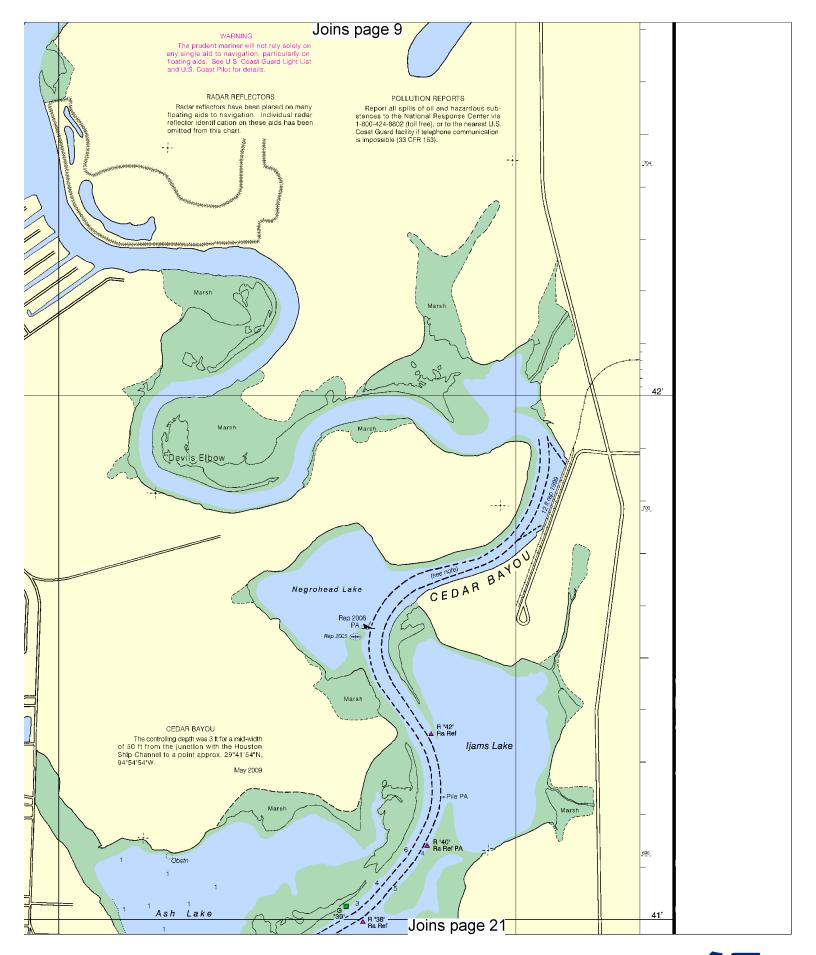


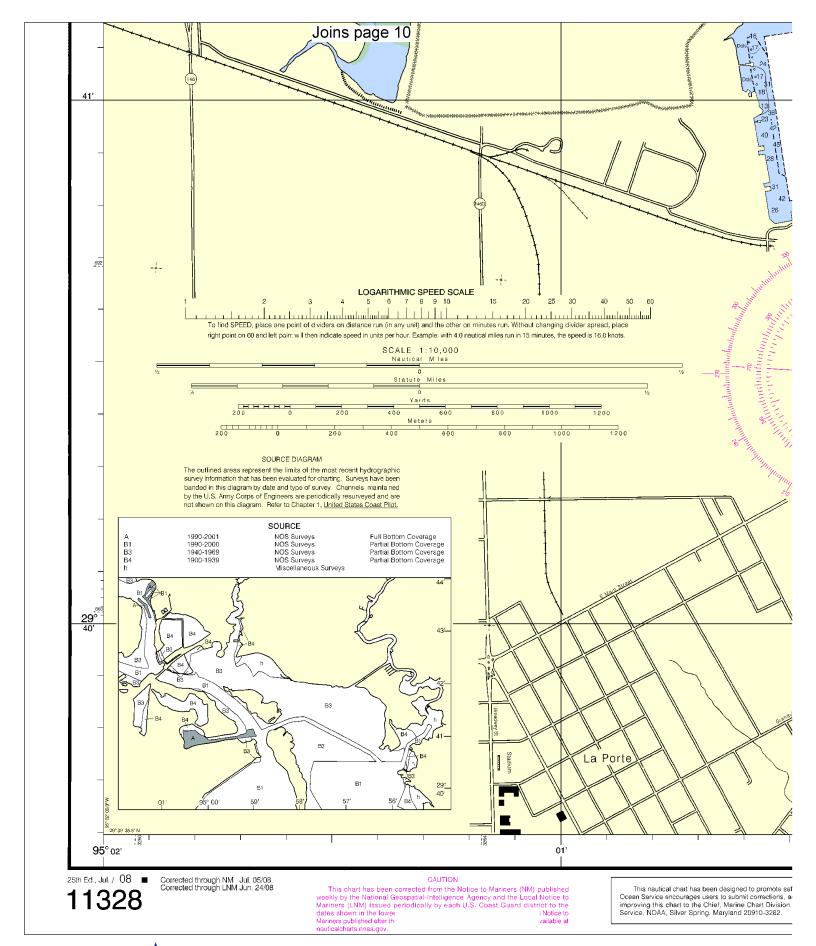




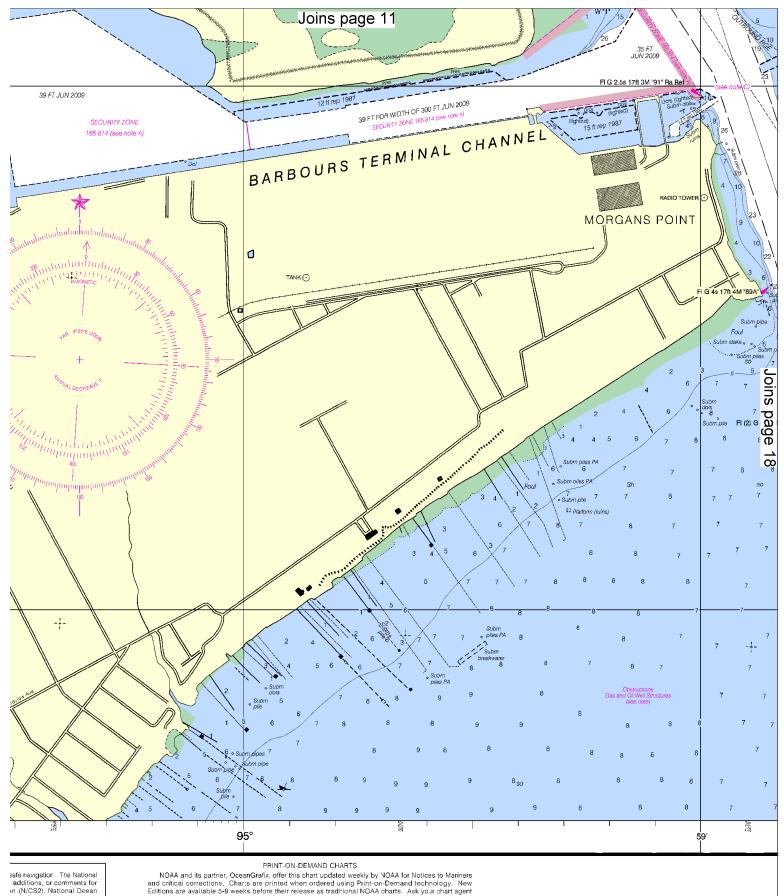




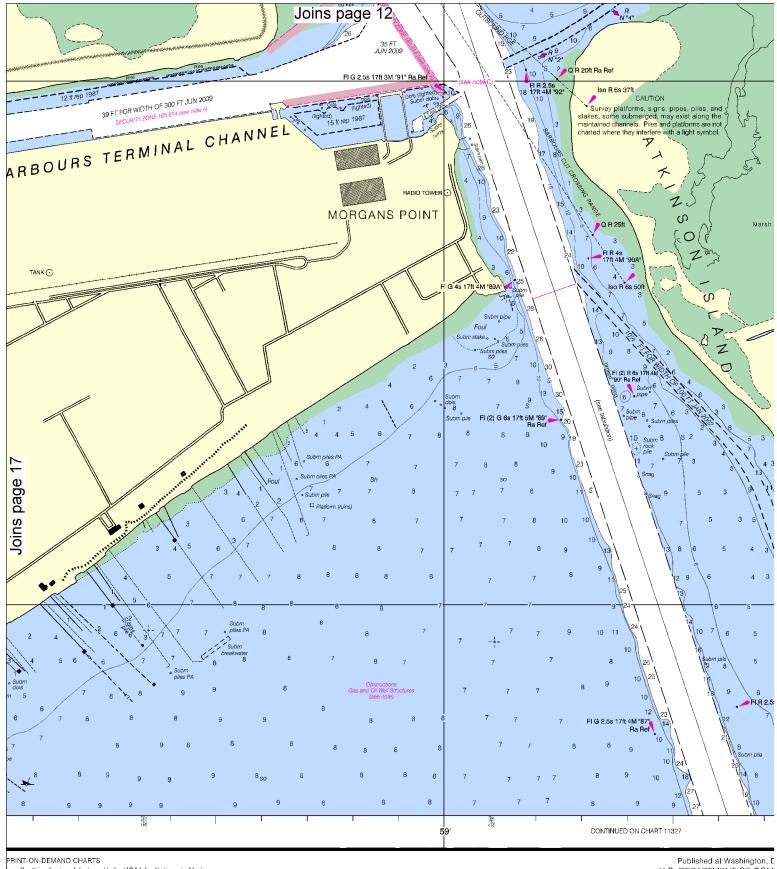






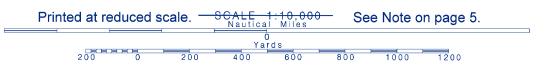


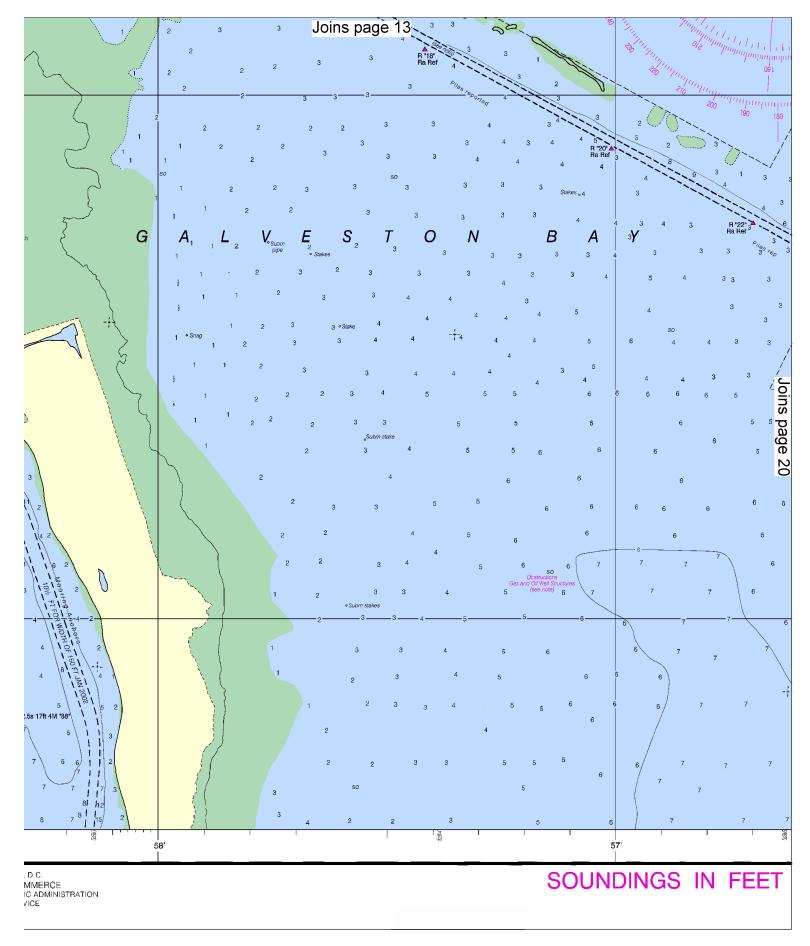
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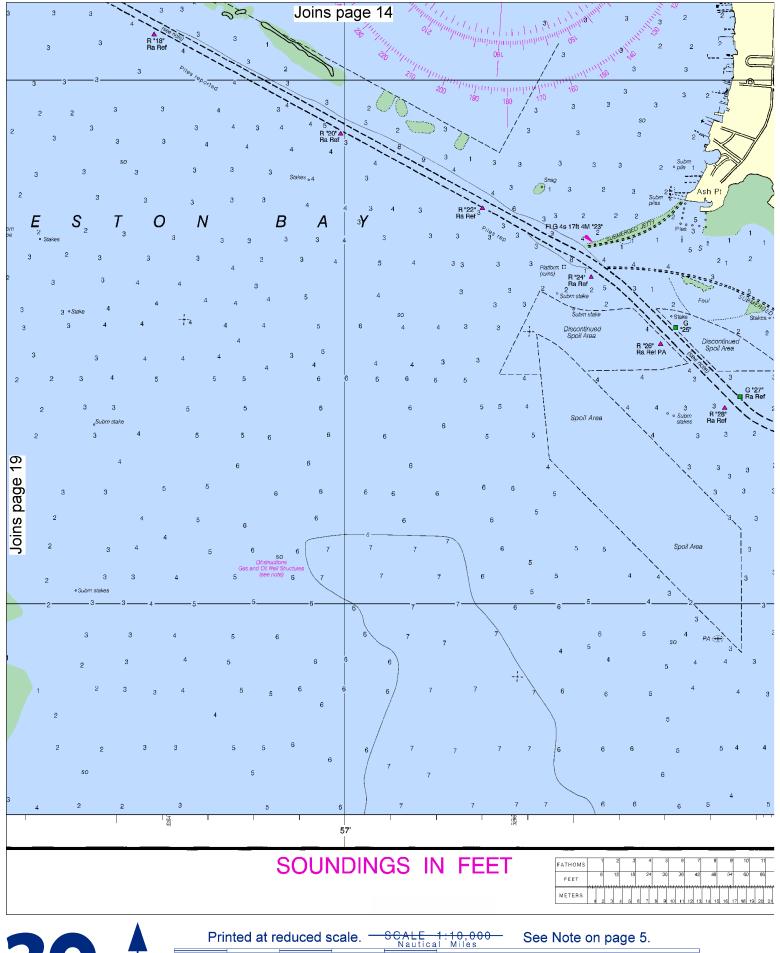


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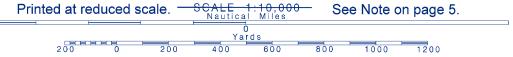


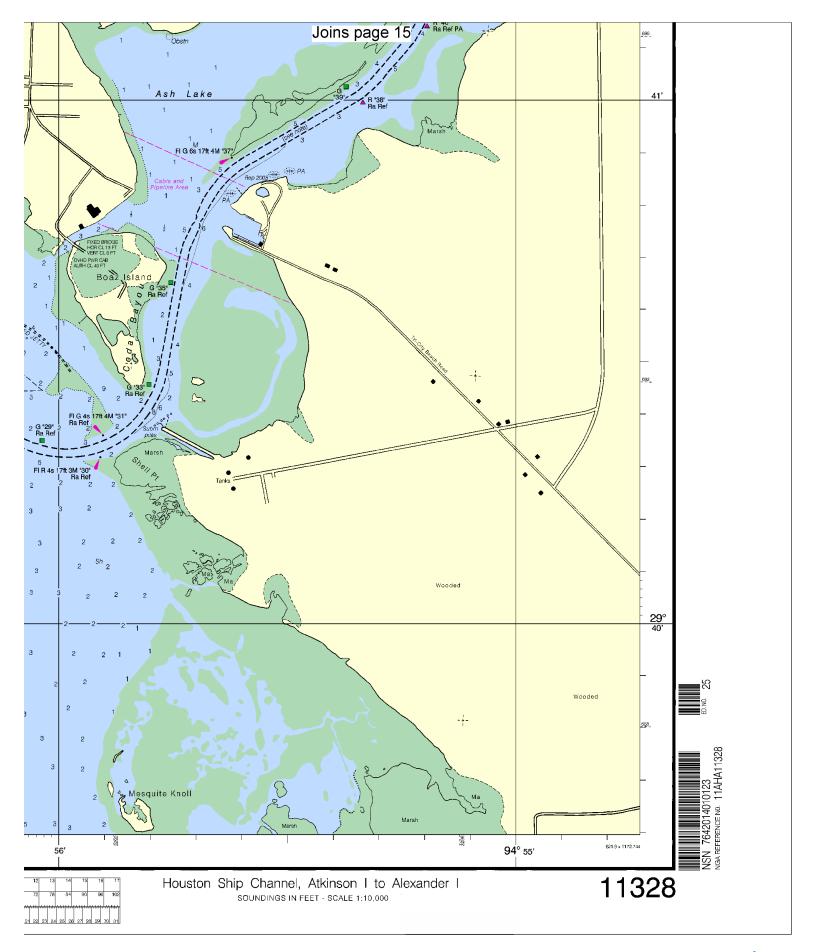












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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

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Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

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Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

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Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Group Galveston–409-766-5620 Coast Guard Station Galveston –409-766-5633 Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd – 757-398-6390

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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